conversion of (i) Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur-Jodhpur sector to broad gauge, and (ii) Jodhpur-Jaisalmer sector with provision of extension of new broad gauge up to Ramgarh and supply of wagons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir. During the current year January to April 12348 wagons have been loaded at Jaisalmer compared to only 10742 wagons in the corresponding period last year. As on 30-4-92, no indent for limestone was outstanding at Jaisalmer.

(b) Conversion of Sawai Madhopur-Jaipur section is targetted for completion during 1992-93 and the sections Jaipur Jodhpur and Jodhpur-Jaisalmer are targetted for completion in the 8th Plan.

There is, however, no proposal to extend the Broad Gauge line up to Ramgarh.

Metre Gauge Line in Goa

1079. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the present M. G. Railway line which runs very close to Dabolim Airport in Goa does not permit any expansion activities of the Airport on Northern Side ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take steps to ensure that when the conversion of this line is taken up it is deviated away from this Airport so as to permit the Civil Aviation Department better access for expansion projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Complimentary Passes

1080. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AZFAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of complimentary passes issued by the Railways during the period from the 1st April, 1991 to 31st March, 1992 ; and

(b) what are the details of the pass holders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) During the period from 1-4-1991 to 31-3-1992, 92 Complimentary Card Passes were issued to individuals/organisations other than Freedom Fighters, as per details given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 20].

Connecting Madras and Dindigul via Vellupuram by Broad Gauge

1081. SHRI S. K.T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to connect Madras and Dindigul via Vellupuram and Tiruchirapalli by Broad Gauge so that the trunk line of Railways in Tamil Nadu is linked with the Broad Gauge Lines in the country ;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the present Madras, Jolarpet, Erode, Karur and Dindigul cannot serve South Arcot, Trichy, Thanjaur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Pon. Muthuranalingam. Thevar districts of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry ; and

(c) whether Government would retain the existing metre gauge line between Maniyachi and Madurai when Maniyachi is linked with Madurai by broad gauge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

1082. [*Transferred to the 12th May*, 1982].

Linkage for Wagons from the Collieries

1083. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been linkage for wagons from the collieries